

Northgate Stakeholders Group Draft Status Report, September 2004

The Northgate Framework Resolution (30642, pp. 9-10) stipulated that “the stakeholders group shall report to the City Council ... by September 1, 2004 on its activities as a group and with the community, as well as the successes and problems associated with its organization and functioning.” This report briefly summarizes those activities.

Stakeholder Group Meetings

- The broadly-representative Northgate Stakeholders Group (with 22 seats at the table) held its first meeting on March 18, 2004 at North Seattle Community College from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Group has held six additional meetings since that time and elected a Chair and Vice Chair.
- All meetings are open to the public and a public comment period is part of every agenda.

Subcommittees

- The Stakeholders have formed subcommittees that reflect a balance of the interests to consider the consultant scope of work for the CTIP, inclusion of the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan (NACP) into Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan and rezones, and the Open Space and Pedestrian Connections Plan.
- Subcommittees bring back reports and recommendations for consideration and decision by the Group as a whole.

Community Forums

- On May 13 the Stakeholders participated in a City-sponsored community forum at NSCC to get citizen input before the Group provided its advice to the City on South Lot development, South Lot drainage options, and the consultant scope of work for CTIP.

Advice to the City of Seattle on Issues Identified in the Framework Resolution

The Stakeholders Group has provided formal advice to the City on:

- Open space and drainage options for South Lot, including what to do about Thornton Creek
- An MOU between SPU and Lorig Associates on South Lot Construction
- The consultant scope of work for CTIP

Input on Other Northgate Issues

At the request of the City, the Stakeholders Group has discussed and provided input on the inclusion of NACP into the City’s Comprehensive Plan and rezones and the Open Space and Pedestrian Connections Plan

Upcoming Workplan

The issues on the Stakeholders Group’s workplan for 2004 and 2005 include large lot development (the Northgate Mall, the Lorig Proposal for South Lot) and CTIP.

Issues

- The pace of the Group’s work was very brisk at the outset. Some expressed concern that this pace did not permit a sufficiently thorough consideration of complex issues before the Group

formulated and presented advice to the City. The need for more time to deliberate led to the creation of subcommittees, mentioned above.

- The stakeholders have been concerned as to how the stakeholders' process, Design Review, MUP, and CTIP fit together for the large Lorig and Northgate Mall developments. DPD has provided some overview of this and has agreed to provide a combined coordination schedule of the various processes.